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February 04, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED** 

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

30 February 4, 2014

SACHI A. HAMAI EXECUTIVE OFFICER

APPROVE THE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-14 TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES USING ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

### **SUBJECT**

Approve an Appropriation Adjustment to transfer \$750,000 in Service and Supplies Appropriation to Capital Assets-Equipment Appropriation in the District Attorney's Asset Forfeiture Fund (DP1) to fund the purchase of twenty-five (25) law enforcement vehicles.

### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Approve the attached Appropriation Adjustment in the amount of \$750,000 to transfer appropriation from Service and Supplies to Capital Assets-Equipment in the District Attorney's Asset Forfeiture Fund (DP1) for FY 2013-14.

### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation has a number of law enforcement vehicles in their fleet that have over 100,000 miles currently on each of their respective odometers. These vehicles pose a direct threat to officer's safety and are beginning to require more frequent repair due to their age and the number of miles they have been driven. The Budget Adjustment will allow the District Attorney to replace twenty-five (25) of the fifty-eight vehicles that have been driven over 100,000 miles.

The use of Asset Forfeiture funds to purchase the law enforcement vehicles is a permissible use of these funds.

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# **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended action supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 1, Operational Effectiveness, by ensuring that Law Enforcement has the appropriate tools to maintain and improve the safety and security of the people of Los Angeles County.

# FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Federal Equitable Sharing funds support law enforcement training, travel, communication and other eligible law enforcement costs. There is no Net County Cost impact to the general fund. The Request for Appropriation Adjustment is needed in order to align the Asset Forfeiture Fund's Capital Assets-Equipment appropriation to allow for twenty-five law enforcement vehicles to be purchased.

## **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Federal Equitable Sharing funds received from the Federal Equitable Sharing Program are deposited into an interest bearing Trust Fund and are used for eligible law enforcement expenditures.

# **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There is no impact on current services.

### **CONCLUSION**

It is requested that the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board return an adopted copy of this Board letter with original signatures, to Norbert Ruiz, Chief Budget & Fiscal Services Division, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, 201 North Figueroa Street, Suite 1300, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any questions may be directed to Mr. Ruiz at (213) 202-7655 or via email at nruiz@da.lacounty.gov.

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Respectfully submitted,

**JACKIE LACEY** 

District Attorney

no

**Enclosures** 

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors Chief Executive Officer

**County Counsel** 

#### COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

# REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPT'S. 370 NO.

DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT A TORNEY

December 17, 2013

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FY 2013-2014

3 - VOTES

# SOURCES

District Attorney Asset Forfeiture Fund DP1 - DA - 2000 - 41073 Services & Supplies - \$750,000 **Decrease Appropriation** 

USES

District Attorney Asset Forfeiture Fund DP1 - DA - 6030 - 41073 Capital Assets - Equipment - \$750,000 Increase Appropriation

SOURCES TOTAL: \$ 750,000

**USES TOTAL: \$ 750,000** 

# JUSTIFICATION

This appropriation adjustment is to supplement the Capital Assets-Equipment appropriation to fund the purchase of twenty-five law enforcement vehicles. These acquisitions will replace those vehicles that are being taken out of service due to age, excessive mileage, and high cost of repairs. Departmental policy requires that any vehicle over 100,000 miles be replaced to prevent operational problems in the field where the performance of the vehicle is critical to officer safety during surveillance activities. This appropriation adjustment will ensure that Law Enforcement has the appropriate tools to maintain and improve the safety and security of the people of the County.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE Norbert Ruiz

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

FEB 0 4 2014

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER** APPROVED AS REQUESTED ACTION REFERRED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR ---APPROVED AS REVISED RECOMMENDATION CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AUDITOR-CONTROLLER B.A. NO. 064